

suggested. These regions could include Special Economic Zones (SEZs), Industrial Clusters, IT Parks and Export Oriented Units (EOUs). The proposal, being still at a conceptual stage, its details have not been worked out.

Meeting of Police Chiefs of North-East States

*315. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of decisions taken in the meeting of the police chiefs of the Seven North-East States as well as West Bengal and Bhutan, besides senior officers of the Army, paramilitary forces, the intelligence agencies and the Union Home Ministry, held in Guwahati;

(b) whether emphasis has been given on coordination of various security forces, anti-insurgency plans and operations more urgently; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) In the Annual Conference of Directors General of Police of North Eastern States including Sikkim and West Bengal, held at Guwahati on November 1-2, 2006, the issues discussed included, *inter alia*, operational coordination, intelligence sharing, counter insurgency strategy and strengthening and technical training of police and intelligence officers.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, does not arise.

Integrated scheme for development of powerloom sector

*316. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the powerloom sector has not received due attention of Government it deserves, even though this sector contributes 68 per cent of the total cloth production of the country and provides employment to about 48.15 lakh persons;

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the powerloom sector;

(c) whether the Standing Committee on labour has recommended formulation of an integrated scheme for development of the powerloom sector; and